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limiting position shown in broken line 9. Once the distance between the ends of the line 7 becomes limiting in relation to the distance between the guideways, the line 7 slows down, stops and is deflected back along the guideways under gravity to return to the player who can then strike the ball again.--

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Please replace the abstract with the following abstract that does not contain the objected to legal terms.

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--Apparatus for practicing the technique of lofting a ball, the apparatus having a support frame containing two upright supports linked by a horizontal cross-bar. Two inclined guideways extend between ground anchors and the supports. A substantially inelastic reciprocating device is connected to and freely movable along the guideways and a ball connected to the reciprocating device.--

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